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In re Application of:)
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Joseph CAUTHEN et al.) Group Art Unit: 3738
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Application No.: 10/075,615) Examiner: U. Chattopadhyay
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For: SPINAL DISC ANNULUS)
RECONSTRUCTION METHOD)
AND SPINAL DISC ANNULUS)
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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2003, the period for response having been extended to February 29, 2003 by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include 1) amended FIG 9; 2) a redline copy of the specification marked Exhibit A; and 3) a copy of US Provisional Application 60/149490 marked Exhibit B.

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